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SUBJECT: JAPANESE VICE-PRIME MINISTER FUKUDA BEGINS VISIT
TO BRAZIL

REF: BRASILIA 7301 (NOTAL)

1. SUMMARY: JAPANESE VICE-PM TAKEO FUKUDA HAS ARRIVED IN
BRAZIL FOR AN 8-DAY OFFICIAL VISIT. ACCORDING TO A SENIOR JAPANESE
EMBASSY OFFICIAL, THE VISIT IS PART OF A HIGH-LEVEL EXCHANGE
TO STRENGTHEN RELATIONS, WHICH ARE "RELATIVELY NEW
AND VERY GOOD". FUKUDA, HE SAID, WILL ADDRESS WORLD ISSUES
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GENERALLY, PRIMARILY ECONOMIC, AND HE MIGHT ASK BRAZIL TO

MAKE KNOWN JAPAN'S ECONOMIC VIEWS TO PARTICIPANTS IN NEXT WEEK'S NON-ALIGNED CONFERENCE IN LIMA. EMB OFFICIAL EXPECTED THE GOB WOULD RAISE TWO BILATERAL ISSUES WITH FUKUDA, THE BILATERAL TRADE DIFICIT AND JAPANESE PARTICIPATION IN THE ALBRAS ALUMINUM PROJECT. HE EXPRESSED HOPE THAT THE TWO COUNTRIES COULD COLLABORATE ON INTERNATIONAL OIL ISSUES. END SUMMARY.

2. JAPAN'S DEPUTY-PM AND MINISTER FOR ECONOMIC PLANNING, TAKEO FUKUDA, ARRIVED IN RIO ON AUGUST 20 TO BEGIN AN 8-DAY OFFICIAL BISIT TAKING HIM ALSO TO SAO PAULO, BELEM, AND BRASILIA, WHERE HE WILL CALL ON PRESIDENT GEISEL AND VARIOUS MINISTERS. JUST PRIOR TO JUKUDA'S ARRIVAL, COUNSELOR HIROSUKE OSHIMA OF THE JAPANESE EMBASSY DISCUSSED THE VISIT AND RECENT BRAZILIAN/JAPANESE RELATIONS WITH EMBOFF.

3. THE VISIT'S MAINOBJECTIVES, ACCORDING TO OSHIMA, IS TO CONTINUE THE EXCHANGE OF HIGH-LEVEL VISITS BEGUN LAST YEAR WHEN THEN-PM TANAKA VISITED BRAZIL. OSHIMA NOTED THAT THE NEXT LINK IN THE EXCHANGE, PRESIDENT GEISEL'S VISIT TO JAPAN, IS SET FOR NEXT SRING. ACCORDING TO OSHIMA, THE EXCHANGE IS STRENGTHENING JAPAN'S "RELATEVELY NEW AND VERY GOOD"RELATIONS WITH BRAZIL, WHICH HAS A JAPANESE COMMUNITY OF 800,000 AND 70-80 PERCENT OF JAPAN'S ECONOMIC INTERESTS IN LA. THE TWO COUNTRIES, HE CONTINUED, HAVE FEW POLITICAL RELATIONSHIPS AND NO MAJOR ECONOMIC DISPUTES. IN TALKS WITH GOB OFFICIALS, ACCORDING TO OSHIMA, FUKUDA WILL ADDRESS WORLD ISSUES, PRIMARILY ECONOMIC, AND HE WILL REVIEW THE SOUTHEAST ASIAN SCENE AND PM MIKI'S US TRIP. OSHIMA STRESSED THAT FUKUDA'S REMARKS WILL BE GENERAL. HE SAID THE EMBASSY HAD RECOMMENDED TO TOKYO THAT JUKUDA INQUIRE ABOUT BRAZILIAN/US RELATIONS,BUT OSHIMA WOULD NOT ELABORATE ON WHAT ASPECTS WERE OF SPECIAL INTEREST. HE DID NOT EXPECT NUCLEAR ISSUES TO BE RAISED.

4. OSHIMA THOUGHT THAT BRAZIL WOULD RAISE TWO BILATERAL ISSUES, THE BILATERAL TRADE DEFICIT AND JAPANESE PARTICIPATION IN THE ALBRAS ALUMINUM PROJECT. HE POINTED OUT THAT JAPAN EXPORTS ABOUT \$1.3 BILLION TO BRAZIL AND IMPORTS HALF AS MUCH. HE ATTRIBUTED THE IMBALANCE TO JAPAN'S RAPID EXPORT EXPANSION, NOT TO A DISINCLINATION TO BUY BRAZILIAN LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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GOODS. OSHIMA HAD NO IDEA WHAT THE BRAZILIANS WOULD SAY ON THIS TOPIC.REGARDING THE HUGE, \$5.5 BILLION ALBRAS ALUMINUM PROJECT, OSHIMA EXPECTED THAT THE GOB WOULD PROBABLY SEEK A COMMITMENT FROM FUKUDA THAT JAPANESE COMPANIES WILL PARTICIPATE. FUKUDA IS "NOT SUPPOSED TO GVIE A COMMITMENT," OSHIMA EXPLAINED, SINCE: (A) ALBRAS IS ONLY IN THE PRE-FEADIBILITY STAGE, (B) JAPANESE ALUMINUM COMPANIES ARE HAVING TROUBLE RAISING MONEY FROM JAPANESE PRIVATE BANKS BECAUSE THE

JAPANESE FINANCIAL SITUATION IS "BAD" AND BECAUSE THE ALUMINUM COMPANIES HAVE COMMITTED THEMSELVES TO THE ASAHAN ALUMINUM PROJECT IN INDONESIA, AND (C) THE ASAHAN PROJECT WILL SUPPLY A LARGE SHARE OF JAPANESE NEEDS, WHICH "ARE NOT GREAT". OSHIMA NOTED THAT JAPAN'S "MAJOR" AGRICULTURE COOPERATION PROJECT, DESIGNED TO IMPROVE SOIL FERTILITY IN GOIAS, SAO PAULO, AND MINAS GERAIS, HAD JUST BEGUN.

5. TURNING TO THE MULTILATERAL AREA, OSHIMA SAID FUKUDA MIGHT ASK BRAZIL TO MAKE KNOWN JAPAN'S VIEWS ON WORLD ECONOMIC ISSUES TO PARTICIPATE AT NEXT WEEK'S NON-ALIGNED CONFERENCE IN LIMA. OSHIMA ADMITTED, HOWEVER, THAT "WE DON'T KNOW WHAT THE BRAZILIANS WILL SAY TO THIS-- THEY MIGHT WELL SAY NO," ESPECIALLY IN VIEW OF BRAZIL'S " POSITION AMONG THE NON-ALIGNED. OSHIMA EXPRESSED THE HOPE THAT BRAZIL AND JAPAN COULD COLLABORATE ON INTERNATIONAL OIL ISSUES SINCE BOTH COUNTRIES ARE LARGE OIL IMPORTERS AND HAVE SIMILAR, NON-CONFRONTATIONAL APPROACHES TO DEALING WITH THE OIL PRODUCERS. HE OBSERVED THAT THE INTERESTS OF THE TWO COUNTRIES ON MANY OTHER MINERALS QUESTIONS ARE "LESS SIMILAR" SINCE BRAZIL IS A MAJOR EXPORTER OF SOME MINERALS. HE POINTED TO CONTRARY BRAZILIAN/JAPANESE INTERESTS IN THEM. HE SAID THAT THE EMBASSY HAD RAISED UN-7SS ISSUES SEVERAL TIMES BUT HAD RECEIVED NO RESPONSE, "APPARENTLY BECAUSE THE GOB HASN'T YET MADE UP ITS MIND".
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